COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
• Tertiary Information Evening, Edward John Eyre High School, 7:30-8:30pm
JUNE 11 & JUNE 12
• Year 10 Exams
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
• Year 12 Seminar Day, 8:20am, St Teresa's Church
JUNE 13 & 14
• STC library book sale (p4)
JUNE 11-14
• Year 11 Examinations
FRIDAY, JUNE 14
• R/1 Howard Assembly, 2:30pm, St Teresa's Church

THURSDAY, JUNE 13
• Year 5/6 Mass, 9:00am, OLHC Church,
JUNE 13 & 14
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• Year 11 Examinations
FRIDAY, JUNE 14
• Pyjama Day, primary campuses

FRIDAY, JUNE 14
• Year 10 White Mass, 8:45am, St Teresa

Dear families,

“For I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof”

For the students making their First Communion, it is a great example to us about stereotypes and people, especially, young people, thinking that they must ‘fit in’. This reading from Luke can be used to highlight how we don’t have to act a certain way simply because of our culture, race or background or more importantly how our peer group intends us to act. In light of National Reconciliation Week, the line in this reading, that is also used in the Mass, shows that Jesus is not bound by lines or cultural rules. The centurion knew he needed a Jew to help a Gentile but still asked for help.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to our First Communicant students and their families. The weekend Masses were a culmination of workshops, lessons, parent evenings and communal reconciliation for all involved. It is a very special event in a young Catholic’s life. Thank you to Miss Fiedler, Ms Free, Mr Raymond, Mr Baverstock, Ms Baverstock, Ms Sinclair and Mr Meixner and the parish team for all their work with the students.

ENROLMENTS

Aside from the important current process of Year 7s transitioning to, or enrolling at the secondary campus, we have also begun the process for Reception students enrolling for 2014. With the new changes coming into effect for all of South Australia, it now means that if your child turns 5 BEFORE May 1, 2014, they can start school on day 1, Term 1, 2014. If turning 5 on May 1 or later in 2014, then they must wait until 2015 before starting school. Our front offices have information about this or simply Google ‘same day first start”. Please make an appointment as soon as possible to discuss your younger children’s future enrolments.

CO-PRINCIPAL’S TOURS

Thanks to all the families who joined us for the showcasing of students at work on Wednesday evening. Every year our Year 8s and others love to share what they are learning and show wonderful hospitality to our visiting families. Thank you to all our staff and students who gave their time to this important aspect of the Year 7-8 Transition Program. Should you know anyone who unfortunately missed the tours and information evenings, please encourage them to ring and make a time to visit in the future.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - SCHOOL FUNDING

You will notice an insert in this Newsletter from the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities. This is a crucial time for our schools. The funding decisions will have profound effects on what we can offer in the future. At present funding equates to 3/4 of tuition costs. Please advocate, as parents, so that our politicians make the right decisions for your children.
Parish News

Last evening the parish team returned from Loxton after attending the Diocesan Leaders Conference with Bishop Greg, the priests, our school and parish leaders and others who work for the diocese in leadership roles. The theme for this year was “The Beauty of the Created World: an Ecological Imperative.” The people of the Riverland region of the Diocese live and move and have their being on the banks of Australia’s primary water source – the River Murray. During the two days we experienced how their livelihoods depend on the river; and those whose vocation it is to be living water to others. Through our Baptismal call we are all called to be protectors and stewards of all creation, including all of God’s people. Locals spoke to us of how they have faced the challenges over the years and what they are doing now to make things work for them and the future of us all. As we travelled home we followed the pipe line that brings the water from the Murray to us - a reminder of how important it is to reflect on how we need to appreciate and care for this valuable resource in our world today. Yesterday, being World Environment Day, was another reminder of our need to care for our world and its resources.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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Religious Dimension

I am the living bread from Heaven says the Lord;
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.
John 6: 51

Last weekend the Samaritan College community and the Whyalla Parish family celebrated with thirty two children as they received the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Each one of the children bought a feeling of reverence and awe when they received the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time.

At each of the ceremonies we heard, in the Gospel, the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand with just five loaves and two fishes. The actions of our Eucharistic celebration are based on the actions of Jesus in this Gospel and later at the Last Supper. The bread is blessed and broken and distributed to all who come to the table.

In the story all that ate were satisfied just as the Eucharist satisfies all the needs of those who come to the table of the Lord. They are fed and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ. The twelve baskets full of remaining food symbolize that the Eucharist can fill all our needs. The abundance of the Eucharist is enough to fill and sustain us.

The feeding of the five thousand also shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others.

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)

College News

Used Postage Stamps for Peru

Recently I received a letter from a Mr John Altman via the Catholic Education Office in Port Pirie. The letter is from the Mary MacKillop International Missions Fund. This organisation is asking for donations of used postage stamps which are sold to raise funds for communities in need overseas.

If you would like to get involved, there is a collection box in each office campus where you can donate used stamps. There is no need to soak the stamps. Just carefully cut or tear the stamp with some of the envelope still attached and place your stamps in the box.

This initiative is a demonstration of how things we discard so readily can be used as a resource for people in disadvantaged communities.

Last year the foundation raised over $9000 by selling used stamps.

To find out how the funds are put to use visit www.marymackillopinternational.org.au/

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION
Reconciliation Week was recognised and celebrated at Samaritan College last week across all 3 campuses.

On Wednesday, Year 8 and 9 students participated in a presentation by Veena Raymond, where she discussed the importance of Reconciliation for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in Australia. Veena's presentation drew on her family's own experiences in the face of inequality, where discussion was based around both the National and State Constitutions. Students came away from the presentation with a growing understanding of the importance of Reconciliation in correcting the wrongs of the past.

Students at the primary campuses spent their time learning about Reconciliation Week from a cultural, language and dance perspective. After the visit from Kristian the week before, classes were busy practising the dance moves and trying to get their tongues around the Adnyamathanha language. Classes were grouped together and learnt different songs and language. R/1 classes sang "If you're happy and you know it, clap your aalapi (hands)...", 1/2 and 2/3 classes sang "Vapardla (heads), virlpiri (shoulders), mamba (knees) and itna virri (toes)" and 3/4 and 4/5 classes sang a song by Buck McKenzie "Oh my warla". Students in Years 5/6 and 6/7 shared the learning they had been involved in through their History and SOSE (Studies of Society and Environment) classes.

The week concluded with Gathering Assemblies at both primary sites. Certainly the learning evident at the gatherings was astounding and presented with respect and pride.

A very big thank you to all staff involved - their passion, enthusiasm and commitment has allowed our students to actively participate in their own learning and really understand and live the message of Reconciliation Week.

Di Hancock
R-12 INDIGENoUS EDUcATIoN FocUS TEAcHER
**ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK**

Next Friday, June 14 @ 2:30pm the Saint Teresa’s Campus Assembly will be hosted by R/1 Howard. The next Assembly at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus will be hosted by Year 4/5 Feidler in Week 9.

**SRC - PYJAMA DAY**

Next Friday, June 14 the Student Representative Council have organised a pyjama day to raise money for the college charities. On this day students can make a gold coin donation and wear their pyjamas to school. This will be publicised on posters throughout both campuses.

**RECONCILIATION GATHERING**

Wow! What a week! A big thank you to all staff for their efforts in ensuring Reconciliation Week was a meaningful time for all students at Samaritan College. Sincere thanks to Di Hancock and Veena Raymond for their passion and commitment in planning cultural visits from Kristian Coulthard for the primary students, student attendance at an AFL game for the Indigenous Round, Veena sharing her history with SOSE students at our Saint John’s Campus and of course the Reconciliation Gatherings that were held on Friday.

Both Damien and myself were extremely proud of all aspects of the week but in particular at the gathering on Friday. The students were reverent and respectful and the message of Reconciliation was very clearly accepted by the students. Well done Di Hancock, Veena Raymond and all staff and students for truly embracing Reconciliation Week at Samaritan College.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Issue 4 out now

Due date: Friday, June 7

Please bring orders to the OLHC library before and after school. I look forward to seeing you all.

Helen Shepherd

**PARENT WORKSHOP**

On Wednesday of this week the second ‘Parent Workshops’ were held by our Primary Literacy Team. The team presented workshops at both campuses for the parent community. Both workshops were aimed at “Early Years Reading and Writing” and were well attended. Keep an eye out for these workshops being advertised in the Newsletter as they are a great way to gain insight into how to best support your child with learning at home.

**BOOK SALE AT STC LIBRARY**

Week 7 on Thursday and Friday there will be a sale of lots of old library books, to make more space for new stock.

The sale will be held on Thursday, June 13 at Recess, Lunch and after school until 3:45pm, and on Friday, June 14 before school from 8:25am, at Recess and at Lunch.

ALL books will cost 50 cents each, big or small!

The money raised from this book sale will be used to send some of our old, no longer used readers to a needy school in Zambia, where they don’t have a library, and only have a few readers that have to be shared between the whole school, in one classroom. Any left over library books from the sale will also be donated to a school in Mombasa.

Please bring some coins on Thursday and Friday next week to buy a few pre-loved books, and help under-privileged students in a small school in Zambia learn to enjoy reading and literacy as we do.

Thanks for your support,

Tania Taylor
LIBRARY MANAGER STC

**YEAR 5/6 BAULDERSTONE MASS**

The students in Ms Baulderstone’s class will celebrate Mass on Thursday, June 13 at 9:00 am at OLHC Church.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

**CANTEEN ROSTERS**

Monday, June 10 – Friday, June 14

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Annette Cameron
Canteen Manager

Rose Cassar
Canteen Manager

Marg Coad
Canteen Manager
CO-PRINCIPALS’ TOURS
Despite a very cold evening we welcomed many families for our tours. They took time to look at what secondary school will look like for their child as they transition from the primary setting. I was particularly impressed with the way that the teachers had established their spaces to allow individuals to interact with the displays. I would like to extend my appreciation to the students who assisted on the night, without whom the displays wouldn’t have had the same degree of attraction.

EXAMINATIONS
For the past few days the Year 12 students have been undertaking their mid-year examinations. This provides them with the opportunity to experience a number of aspects and to ensure that they are adequately prepared for the end of the year. Firstly, the examination conditions, physically sitting in silence and writing for the entire time is something for which a person needs to be prepared. Secondly, how well each person actually knows and can recall the content that has been covered within the subject. And finally, upon reflection, what improvements can each student make in preparing themselves for their final exams.

Next week students in Years 10 and 11 will sit examinations for some of their subjects. This will provide each child with information regarding how they cope in exam situations and should be used for improvement purposes as well as informing future subject choices.

SEMESTER 2 SUBJECTS
This week the year 11 students were encouraged to re-think the subjects that they are planning to undertake in Semester 2. For many students university pathways are within their sights. To reach these goals they need to achieve an ATAR that gives them a competitive edge. Anyone who is not achieving a strong passing grade in a stage 1 subject should reconsider whether they should be continuing the subject beyond Semester 1. I encourage parents to discuss options with your child and if necessary make an appointment with the College to explore pathways that may be available.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

ATTENTION: YEAR 10 SCIENCE STUDENTS
All students in Year 10 should have received a Revision Guide provided to them by their Science Teacher. This booklet contains a checklist, reference guides and a sample exam for students to complete to assist them with their study for the upcoming exam on Wednesday, Week 7.

If your child did not receive a copy, or should you have further questions about the Science Exam or the subject in general, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Science Teacher.

Tony Hall
SCIENCE COORDINATOR

SCIENCE FUN FACT
FOR EXAM TIME
The more you have to try to work out a problem, the more likely you are to recall it. Initially your brain has to work harder, making stronger links between the active neurons.

Tony Hall
SCIENCE COORDINATOR

YEAR 8/9 SOCCER
Last Thursday the Year 8/9 Boys Soccer team took on Port Augusta Secondary School and Whyalla High School for a place in the next round in Adelaide. In the first game, against Port Augusta, the boys controlled possession of the ball and took their chances in an assured and confident manner. The final score of 13-2 reflected their all-round dominant performance and included some fine strikes from Clifford Pickhaver-Tupe and Nikhil Gautam. The match against Whyalla High was a much tougher affair, and at half time the sides were level at 1-1. In the second half, with the aid of the wind, Samaritan took control of the game and slotted home 3 fine goals to win 4-1. Declan Sheehy’s goal direct from a corner was a distinct highlight. Congratulations to all of the boys for a terrific effort on the day and good luck for the next round.

Matt Scadding
SOCCER COACH

Samaritan College Italian Trip Fundraiser
Friday June 28th 6:00pm
Pizza & Pasta Night
Buffet pizza, pasta, salad & desserts
$25 adult tickets
$15 student/child tickets
Come along for a night of food, entertainment, sideshows & games*. Try your luck with the Silent Auctions!
All money raised will go toward the 2014 Italian Trip
Bookings Essential
Tickets will be sold at St. John’s Campus office. Cash payments only
Payment to be made at time of booking
*Ticket covers food buffet only
**YEAR 12 SEMINAR DAY**

The final Year 12 Seminar Day will be held next Wednesday, June 12 at Saint Teresa’s Church. Year 12 Students need to be at the church by 8:20am.

**YEAR 10 WHITE MASS**

Year 10 White students will celebrate Mass on Friday, June 21 at Saint Teresa’s Church. Mass begins at 9:00am. Students need to be at the church by 8:45am.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

*Bernie Meixner*

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

“The services and events contained in this section are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.”

**CONTINUITY OF CARE EXPERIENCE**

In Australia, as part of their education, midwifery students follow women throughout their pregnancy, labour, birth and after birth under the supervision of a Midwife or Doctor. This experience gives the student and the woman an opportunity to experience ‘continuity of care’, where a woman has the same person providing care and support all the way through her pregnancy and birth journey.

Being involved in a Continuity of Care Experience (COCE) gives the student first-hand experience of being a midwife and has been found to improve the woman’s overall experience of childbirth.

In return, the student learns first-hand about providing care to women during pregnancy, birth and the first few weeks with a new baby, which helps them to understand how they can better work with women and prepares them to work in a variety of models of care once they are registered midwives.

If you are interested in being involved in the Continuity of Care Experience, require additional information or to sign up for a midwifery student, you can complete an Expression of Interest form online at www.unisa.edu.au/health/coce or contact Carly Berghofer directly on 0400 090 154 and bercj004@mymail.unisa.edu.au

**DYSEXIA**

**Free Parent Information Session**

Angela Weeks, Psychologist and Clinical Director of SPELD SA (Specific Learning Difficulties SA) will present a Parent information session

**Thursday, June 13, 6:30-7:30pm**

Central Augusta Football & Community Sporting Club

3 Hannagan St, Port Augusta

Please contact Donna Kite 0408 994 794 or d.kite@ozemail.com.au if you require further information.

**Whyalla Music Club**

For children 6 years and over choir, games, instruments and fun

Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm

cost $5

contact Rob on 0437 017 180

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon of Music – June 23, Whyalla Uniting Church (Peters Street), 2:00pm.

You are invited to an afternoon of music at Peters Street. In addition to John Higgins on the organ and Eliza Higgins playing the flute, there will be other items from Uniting Church singers and musicians, as well as community singing for you all to take part in. There will be an opportunity to contribute to PNG Bible translator Barbara Hodgkinson’s support.

You are invited to bring along something for a shared afternoon tea afterwards.